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Montana Medicaid Notice
Fee-for-Service Providers

NPI Requirement for Fee-for-Service Healthcare Provider Claims

CMS has announced effective March 1, 2008, fee-for-service claims submitted to Medicare must include an NPI in the billing/pay-to fields on claims for healthcare providers. Medicare will allow providers to bill with their NPI and legacy numbers in the billing/pay-to fields. However, if a provider bills fee-for-service claims to Medicare with only their legacy number, those claims will be returned as unprocessable by Medicare.

Montana's Healthcare Programs will also require the NPI to be used on fee-for-service claims submitted on and after March 1, 2008. At that time, if you are a healthcare provider, you must bill Montana's Healthcare Programs with your NPI and taxonomy on fee-for-service claims. As of March 1, 2008, you will not be able to bill fee-for-service claims to Montana's Healthcare Programs with your current provider number(s). If you have not re-enrolled with us yet, you must do so before March 1, 2008.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

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